



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

January 8, 2009

Fire Headquarters

1485 Main Street

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

II. ATTENDANCE

Commissioner's Ziegler & Stoddard
Chief Chris Schroeder-Excused
Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre
Deputy Chief Tom Gill
Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis
Captain Jeff Kobylarz
Lt. Joe Lapierre

Commissioner Jascowski-Excused
Deputy Chief Frank Papa-Excused
Dick Brown
Scott Yaglowski

Council Liaison Tom Bowen

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None at this time

IV. Communications

A motion was made to accept the communications as presented. Motion passed.

V. Ledger Status

A motion was made to accept the Ledger Status as presented. Motion passed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Captain's Fire Project is a slow process but is moving along.

Engine #3 is at the Highway Garage and is in the process of being outfitted.

The Rules & Regulations have come back from the Town Attorney and will be reviewed by Assistant Chief Lapierre and his committee on January 14, 2009.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The 2009/2010 Proposed Budget was reviewed by the Commissioners and will be forwarded to the Town Manager and Council.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councilor Bowen asked for a few minutes to explain what had transpired at the Charter Revision Commission and what the next steps would be in order to present the document for a referendum that has tentatively been set for February 17, 2009 during Newington's school vacation.

He explained the proposed tax cap, the circuit breaker (education deferential) for the Board of Education, rule changes for the referendum itself. His advice was to study the proposed Charter Revision document carefully.

Discussion along with questions and answers followed.

The question was asked if the Public Hearing was still on the schedule for Monday, January 12, 2009. The question was asked "Why the rush". Many in attendance felt that something as important should be given time for the public to study and comprehend the impact it will have on them as individuals and the town as a whole.

Commissioner Ziegler reminded the group that there had been no changes in the Charter concerning the Fire Department. He also suggested that the Charter Revision and anything else pertaining to the referendum be carefully studied so that you will have a clear understanding of what you're voting for.

Deputy Chief Gill announced the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is holding a Fund Raiser on January 29th at the Brickyard on Market Square. Tickets are \$10.00 a piece and can be obtained from Ed Patz or Bill Jameson of the Police Department.

IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

None at this time

A motion was made to go into Executive Session at 7:55pm

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Submitted By: _____
Sue Reniewicz – Board Secretary

